sease, of which 10 are Indians. The aining 142 are sero positive without y clinical manifestations.

(b) and (c) Global research efforts focussed on finding effective drugs for treatment of AIDS. Three groups drugs namely (i) anti-viral agents, (2) muno Stimulants and (3) drugs for iatment opportunistic infection, are der investigations. So far none of e drugs under trial bas been successful curing HIV infected persons.

However, Burroughs Wellcome India d. is exploring the possibility for pro-ring Retrovir (Zidovudine-Azidethyme-i) which is effective in prolonging sur-ral of AIDS patients especially those Bh Pnuemecystic carneli infection).

Appointment of Foreign coach for Hockey Playtersl

1870. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHA-WARTY: Will the Minister of HU-AN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be eased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided appoint a foreign coach to train the ockey players representing the country the coming international events; and

(b) if so, whether the above decision t»»been taken in response to the sug-stion of the Indian Hockey Federation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE EPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AF-<URS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE [INISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE EVELOPMFNT (SHRIMATI MAR-ARET ALVA); (a) and (bl Indian jckey Federation, in its Coaching Plan, is indicated that they would need the rvices of a foreign coach for training E indian Hockey Team. However. le Indian Hockey Federation has not nt any peoposa1s to the Government so

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PCOs in Rajasthan

1871. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: IRD the Mmister of COMMUNICA-IONS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of applications received for public call offices (PCO) in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the total number of applications received in Bhilwara District;

(c) the number of applications approved, under consideration, and rejected i^{n} Rajasthan during the last three years; and

(d) by when pending applications are likely to be disposed of ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The total number of applications re-reived for Public Call Offices in Rajasthan during the 'last three years 1735.

(b) The number of applications recei ved from Bhilwara District is 28.

(c) The breakup of total number of applications in Rajasthan during last three years is.

(i) approved ..... 194.

(ii) under consideration 139

(iii) rejected.....1,402.

(d) The pending 139 applications are likely to be disposed of during next six mouths.

दिल्ली में सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन

1872. **श्री शरद यादव :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में कितने सार्वजनिक टेलिफोन कार्यरत हैं ;

(ख) आय और मीटर रीडिंग में अन्तर के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) इसे रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष मोहन देव): (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।